

# Malfroy School

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**Principal's Newsletter Term 3 Week 1**

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Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo, Talofa Lava, Bula Vanaka, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi atu, Namaste, Talofa Ni and Warm Pasifika Greetings!

**Welcome back** to a rather wet start to the term. I am pleased to say this did not stop the cheerful greetings received from students, parents, caregivers and staff. We were pleased to be returning to school.

During the holiday break, staff were able to take a rest and recharge their energy levels ready for what is going to be a full term of learning within a variety of contexts. Children will need to use their Malfroy School learning dispositions to make the most of every learning opportunity they encounter. We will call for parent help for various programmes taken outside of school, so make sure you read your child's class newsletter coming home this week. There are a lot of exciting events you will want to be part of.

## **Attendance Matters - 'Not at school is not ok'**

You will know this has been a particularly challenging year for school communities. The majority of children are attending school regularly. However, there were 49 children who were absent for at least 9 days of last term and 6 children who were absent from school for 20 days or more. Our attendance rate for Term 2 was 89%.

**Regular attendance** is defined for statistical purposes as 90% attendance or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance; every day matters. Every day at school has a cumulative impact on students' learning. A child with an average of 90% attendance will miss the equivalent of one year of schooling in ten years (Ministry of Education).

## **Children who are at school**

- Have no learning gaps
- Know what is happening
- Enjoy school more
- Can achieve to their potential
- Have increased self esteem
- Establish good relationships



**Truancy** is being absent or late when a student could have been at school. Any unjustified absence is truancy.

- Late, tired, slept in
- School refusal
- Time off for minor ailments
- Looking after family member
- Avoid swimming, school camp, sports, tests



**Punctuality** is important. During the first 10 minutes of the day, teachers

- Greet the class
- Give important notices
- Set up the plan for the day
- Review what has been learnt
- Set the tasks for a lesson



### **Student Conferences/Achievement Discussions**

Tomorrow your child will be given their **mid-year report** to bring home. Class teachers have completed assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths last term. Every child is assessed within their year group against the expected curriculum level they should be working at by the end of the year. Together with the Learning Intentions that are highlighted in the report, the teachers have a clear understanding of how much progress your child has made so far this year.



You will also note many children have a good understanding of the Malfroy School Learning Dispositions, that is, **Collaborator, Problem Solver and Risk Taker (CPR)**. The development of these learning qualities are important and will help your child become more confident as they move through to intermediate and secondary school.

Good learners require key competencies and in this respect our **Cornerstone Values** and the **Malfroy 8** underpin the personal qualities that all children need to develop as they grow older. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher next week by booking an appointment through the Malfroy School App. You can also find the link on page 4 of the newsletter, this will take you directly to the booking page.



### **Special Notice**

Our enrolment trend this year has seen a steady number of new entrant students enrol at Malfroy School. This has resulted in an increased number of Year 1 students in our New Entrant class. Room 1 is currently at 22 students.

Pre-enrolment numbers for the remainder of the year indicate another 20 students will enrol before the end of the year.

The numbers in the other classes across the school are also at a level that gives us an opportunity to move selected students in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5. The classes involved are Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 11. It is important to note these students will remain with their new teacher next year.

A special notice will go home today with those students selected to move, with a response form. Thank you!

Nga mihi  
Nicky Brell & staff

## **Welcome to our New Teacher Kathryn in Room 9**

Hi everyone

I'm the new teacher in Room 9 at your school. My name is Kathryn Piesse Hunter. I have been teaching for 12 years, mostly at Ngongotaha school. I also had a year teaching in London and 2 years teaching in the Cook Islands. I had lots of fun and amazing life experiences in both places. I have three children and three step children, all adults. I do lots of mountain biking and I currently attend aerial classes at AMJAZZ in Rotorua. (Hanging off the ceiling rafters by silk fabric). I also enjoy dancing and swimming. My husband John is also a mad mountain biker. I'm looking forward to working for the rest of the year at your beautiful school with your beautiful tamariki.



# A Big Thank You!

Our netball teams would like to thank the One Foundation who donated 10 brand new netballs to the school. We would also like to thank Anita Asaeli who organized this. Our netball teams are going to love practising each week.



Our school Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next week.  
Tuesday 28th: 1.30 - 7.00pm  
Wednesday 29th: 3.30 - 6.00pm  
You can book your interviews via the link provided, the Malfroy School webpage and our School App, using the event code to login.

To make a booking, please enter the event code:



Your school provides the event code, usually in a link in a newsletter or on their website. If you've already booked, the confirmation email we sent you also contains a link.

Click here [School Interviews](#)

## Malfroy School Class Photos

### PHOTO DAY Thurs 30th July

Order forms were sent out this week with your child, please return to the School office by Wed 29th July. We will need all sports students to bring their sports uniform to school on this day as they will also be taking the sports photos.

**Please refer to the envelope sent home with your child for pack details and prices.**



### Payment Information

Payment methods available: Internet/Cash/Cheque - Please note exact money only no change given.

Internet Banking Account No 12-3268-0033616-00

**(IMPORTANT - Ref : School Name and Child's Surname The envelope MUST be handed in even if you have paid by internet banking)**

The Full amount for all orders can be made in one payment, Cheques payable to MASTERPIECE PHOTOGRAPHY

## 'Stepping up - 'Upáne'

### Malfroy School New Entrant Student Transition to School Programme

Every Wednesday from 1.30-2.45 pm, we look forward to welcoming your child and helping them to prepare for their transition into Malfroy School.

The aim of our transition to school programme, **'Stepping up - Upáne'** is to ensure a smooth change over from Early childcare/home care to the school situation in a happy and very supportive way. Children from 4 to 5 years are welcome to attend.

**The Learning Outcomes that we focus on at the 'Stepping up' are:**

Developing Self Esteem    Developing Social Skills  
Formal Routines    Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills  
Fine Motor Skills    Oral Language Skills

### 'Stepping Up - Upáne'

Is held every Wednesday at 1.30 to 2.45pm afternoon in Room 1 with our New Entrant Teachers, Whaea Linda and Whaea Raeleen.

If your New Entrant child is able to have at least 4 visits prior to them starting school, then this really helps them to make an easy and stress free transition to school when they do start.

Call in to the office and pick up a 'Stepping Up- Upáne' transition pack and enrollment form.



**Parents & Caregivers—this is for you!  
Want to help your child with their reading?**



**Want to make reading at home fun and enjoyable?  
Then parents & caregivers, come along to Reading Together in the school library with Tessa Threadgill**

**4 one hour sessions on Tuesdays  
starting Tuesday 11 August 3.15-4.15pm  
crèche available**

Comments by previous participants:

"She's more confident & keen to read." "He's gone up 2 reading levels." "I'm more patient now." "We don't get frustrated anymore." "I can help him to work out the hard words now." "All parents should do it!" "He can't wait to read to me now."

**Click on the link below to register or contact Julie in the school office. You can also see Tessa Threadgill in the LSC Room for more information.**

Registration Form [Reading Together](#)

# Notices/Reminders

## Lunches in School

Please check the weekly lunch menu on our Facebook page. If they know what they would like before school, this would make it easy for the class teacher each morning.

You can view our school newsletter and all other information on the following sites



<http://www.malfroy.school.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ook.com/>



**Malfroy School App**



Stay connected!  
Download our school App now!  
Available in..



## Lost Property

Our lost property box is filling up with a lot of school polar fleece jerseys. We also have shoes and lunchboxes.

Has your child misplaced theirs? Please check the lost property box if they have. Just ask at the office for directions.



## Welcome to our new students and their family

Tangaroa - Room 15  
Nesha and Te Urewera - Room 1  
Harper - Room 2



## Sports Draws/Results

### Hockey Draws

Team	Turf	Time	Vs
Mini	ROTO 1QC	11.30	Lynmore White Sticks
Maxi	ROTO 1H1	10.30	Westbrook Blue

## We want to hear from you!

Kia Ora,

We acknowledge that the past couple of months has been a stressful time for many households in Rotorua, but it has also provided a unique opportunity for people to spend more time in their own neighbourhoods. COVID-19 Alert Levels meant people were using spaces close to home for recreation more than ever.

As we reflect back on that time, we want our community to share with us what they noticed about their local parks and reserves. Did you use them for exercise and leisure? Do you use them more now? What did you miss about having a local playground available?

Understanding how our community uses local parks and reserves, and what value people place on them, enables Council to effectively plan for future projects and work programmes.

We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and tell us what you value most about your local park or reserve.

Please share this with your friends, whānau and wider networks.

### Get the tamariki involved and win!

We want to hear from young people too! Get your tamariki to create a picture of the park or reserve that they like to use, and what they like most about it and send it in to Council for a chance to win a family pass for the Redwoods Treewalk and Family Aquatic Centre passes.

Due Date: Friday 7 August.

Nga mihi nui,

Sport, Recreation and Environment Team

Rotorua Lakes Council



### Competition

[Click here to find out more about the competition, prizes and how to enter.](#)

### Survey link -

<https://letstalk.rotorualakescouncil.nz/neighbourhood-parks-and-reserves-survey>